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College Affordability, Workforce Preparation are Key Points for Higher Education Commission

SACRAMENTO — November 30, 2007 — The California Postsecondary Education Commission will hear conclusions from ongoing research into the connection between postsecondary education and workforce development, college affordability and how families are paying for college, and how well high school students are prepared to enter college.

The Commission will also hear presentations from several higher education experts:

- Dr. Reinhold Weiss, of the German Federal Institute for Vocational Education and Training, will discuss Germany's system of linking higher education and vocational training to that country's workforce.
- Jennifer Paluch, Research Associate with the Public Policy Institute of California, will present the results of a recent survey examining attitudes of Californians toward higher education, particularly college affordability.
- Dr. Gary Hoachlander, President of ConnectEd: California Center for College and Career, will discuss the concept of "multiple pathways" and how K-12 and community college education prepares students for college and work.

The Commission's regular quarterly meeting is scheduled for Tuesday and Wednesday, December 4–5, 2007, at 770 L Street, Suite 1160, Sacramento.

A meeting agenda and reports for the December meeting can be viewed on the Commission's website: <http://www.cpec.ca.gov/Agendas/agnd0712.asp>.

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